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## PRESS RELEASE

### NEW SPRINGFIELD COURTHOUSE

BOSTON (September 8, 2008) — The new Springfield federal courthouse which houses the Springfield divisional offices for the district and bankruptcy courts of the District of Massachusetts has opened its doors to the public. The official dedication of the building will take place on Monday, October 6th, 2008; however judges, court staff, and others now occupy the building. Full contact information is attached to this notice.

The project, part of the General Services Administration's Design Excellence program, was designed by the internationally celebrated architectural firm, Moshe Safdie and Associates of Somerville, Massachusetts. The GSA's Design Excellence Program seeks to engage the finest architects, designers, engineers and artists working in America today to design the nation's future landmarks.

Three courtrooms occupy the third floor of the building. On the two floors below are administrative offices for both district and bankruptcy courts, as well as U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services facilities, a suite of offices for the U.S. Attorney, offices for the U.S. Marshals Service, and the office of Congressman Richard Neal.

Playing leading roles in the development and realization of this building were Judge Ponsor of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts and his colleagues, Moshe Safdie and members of his staff including David Honn and David Orens, GSA Regional Administrator Dennis Smith, Deputy Regional Administrator Glenn Rotundo, Director Technical Support Division, Tom Mailander, project management staff including Frank Saviano, Steve Mastroyin, and Carl Fletcher, Joe Cocco and his colleagues from the construction firm of Daniel O'Connell's Sons, and Barbara Manford from the First Circuit.

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